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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

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New U.S. Patent Application

Title: **SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE
MANUFACTURING METHOD**

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 36 pages, including 4 independent claims and 20 claims total.
2. Drawings - 12 sheets of formal drawings containing 19 figures.
3. Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-088907, filed on March 27, 2003.
4. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with documents attached.
5. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$770	\$ \$770.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	20	-	20	0	x \$18	\$
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6. A check for \$856.00 is enclosed. The fee includes:

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\$86.00 for extra claim fee.

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicant awaits notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

Applicant claims the right to priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-088907, filed on March 27, 2003.

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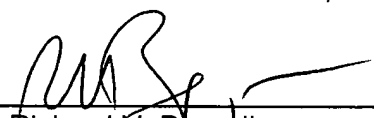
Please accord this application an application number and filing date.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or §1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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